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LOK SABHA

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SUBSIDY TO WOMEN FARMERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has prepared a scheme keeping in view the role of women farmers and their participation in oilseeds, pulses and maize cultivation under the Centrally sponsored schemes;

(b) if so, whether a higher rate of subsidy/assistance proposed to be provided to women farmers;

(c) if so, whether there is any provision to give special package to the Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes (SCs/STs) women farmers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (d): A Centrally sponsored Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize (ISOPOM) has been formulated and is being implemented from 1.4.2004 in major oilseeds, pulses, maize and oilpalm growing states. Keeping in mind the role of women in the cultivation of these crops, a higher rate of assistance is provided under ISOPOM to the Women farmers, Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes, small and marginal farmers @50% of the cost or Rs.15000/- whichever is less under the components of distribution of sprinkler sets and water pipes for carrying water from water source to the field as compared to assistance @33% of the cost or Rs.10,000/- whichever is less to other categories of farmers.

In case of oilpalm, under the component of drip irrigation, higher rate of assistance of 50% of the cost with a ceiling ranging from Rs.7400/- to Rs.9300/- is provided to women, SC/ST, small and marginal farmers as compared to 35% to other categories of farmers with a ceiling of Rs.5200/- to Rs. 6500/-.